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SUBJECT: PUBLIC DECLARATION BY NAGASAKI CITY OF REFUSAL OF
PORT CALLS BY WARSHIPS FROM ALL NUCLEAR-WEAPONS-
POSSESSING COUNTRIES

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1. KYUSHU REGIONAL PRESS GAVE SUBSTANTIAL PLAY TO NOV 24
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT BY NAGASAKI CITY THAT IT WOULD NOT
WELCOME PORT CALLS BY NAVIES OF ANY NUCLEAR-WEAPONS-
POSSESSING COUNTRIES UNLESS THOSE COUNTRIES PROMISED TO
SUSPEND NUCLEAR TESTING AND MANUFACTURE OF NUCLEAR ARMS.

2. FOLLOWING CONDENSED AND CONSOLIDATED EXCERPTS FROM
NISHI NIHON SHIMBUN AND OTHER REGIONAL COVERAGE NOV 25-27,
1977:

QTE NAGASAKI CITY ANNOUNCED IT WILL SHUT OUT PORT CALLS BY
WARSHIPS FROM NUCLEAR-WEAPONS-POSSESSING COUNTRIES.

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SINCE THE SPRING OF 1974 NAGASAKI CITY HAS BEEN REFUSING
PORT VISITS BY WARSHIPS FROM NUCLEAR-WEAPONS-POSSESSING
COUNTRIES IN CONSIDERATION OF THE FEELINGS OF THOSE CITIZENS
WHO SUFFERED A-BOMBING. ON NOVEMBER 24, MAYOR YOSHITAKE
MOROTANI ANNOUNCED HIS VIEW OF THE PROPOSED FRIENDSHIP PORT
CALL BY A BRITISH WARSHIP SAYING THAT PORT VISITS CANNOT BE
ACCEPTED BY NAGASAKI UNLESS THE TWO FOLLOWING CONDITIONS

ARE MET:

A. SUSPENSION OF NUCLEAR TESTING (BY SHIP'S MOTHER COUNTRY)

B. SUSPENSION OF MANUFACTURE OF NUCLEAR ARMS (BY SHIP'S MOTHER COUNTRY)

THE SAME DAY, CAPTAIN G.A.F. HITCHINS (PHONETIC), NAVAL ATTACHE, UK EMBASSY IN JAPAN, CALLED AT NAGASAKI PREF. GOVT. AND NAGASAKI CITY OFFICE AND REQUESTED ACCEPTANCE OF A PORT VISIT BY THE UK FRIGATE CLEOPATRA(3,200 TONS) IN FEBRUARY 1978. THE CAPTAIN PROPOSED THE PORT VISIT SAYING: "WE WANT TO SEND THE SHIP TO NAGASAKI WHERE AN OPEN HOUSE WILL BE HELD AND CHILDREN WILL BE INVITED FOR A PARTY ON BOARD." THE MAYOR REPLIED: "AS FAR AS PORT VISITS BY WARSHIPS FROM NUCLEAR-WEAPONS-POSSESSING COUNTRIES IS CONCERNED, WE HAVE ALL ALONG REFUSED ACCEPTANCE EXCEPT FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS. WE WILL CONSULT WITH PREFECTURE AND GIVE YOU A REPLY."

ACCORDING TO A NOTICE FROM FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY, THE SHIP WAS SCHEDULED TO VISIT FROM FEBRUARY 3 TO 7, 1978.

AFTER THE BRITISH CAPTAIN WAS GONE, THE MAYOR DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH THE CITY OFFICE STAFF AND MAPPED OUT A NEW POLICY AS FOLLOWS: "AS TO PORT VISITS BY WARSHIPS FROM NUCLEAR-WEAPONS-POSSESSING COUNTRIES NOT JUST LIMITED TO THE UK, UNCLASSIFIED

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NAGASAKI WILL KEEP ON REFUSING THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH PORT VISITS UNLESS THE GOVERNMENTS DECLARE THAT THEY WILL NEITHER MANUFACTURE NUCLEAR ARMS NOR CONDUCT NUCLEAR TESTS."

PREVIOUSLY, IN DECEMBER 1973, A FRENCH WARSHIP PROPOSED A PORT VISIT, BUT NAGASAKI CITY REFUSED ON THE FOLLOWING GROUNDS:

A. SINCE NAGASAKI CITY HAS CONTINUALLY PROTESTED AGAINST NUCLEAR TESTS, THE CITY CANNOT ACCEPT SUCH A FRIENDSHIP CALL IN CONSIDERATION OF THE CITIZENS FEELINGS.

B. IF THE VISIT WERE HELD, THE CITY COULD NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR UNTOWARD INCIDENTS CAUSED BY THE PROTEST ACTIVITIES OF A-BOMB SUFFERERS' ORGANIZATIONS.

IN FEBRUARY 1974 THE CITY DECIDED ON A POLICY OF REFUSING, IN ADDITION TO FRANCE, PORT VISITS BY WARSHIPS FROM THE USA, CHINA, AND THE USSR, ALL OF WHICH ARE NUCLEAR-WEAPONS-POSSESSING COUNTRIES, EXCEPT IN CASES OF EVALUATION FROM TYPHOONS, REPAIR OF BREAKDOWNS OR OTHER EMERGENCIES.

THE UK PROPOSAL IS THE FIRST CASE AFTER 1973. (SIC, SEE REFTEL)
THE CITY INTENDS TO CONVEY ITS INTENT TO THE BRITISH
EMBASSY THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

ON THE EVENING OF NOVEMBER 25, THE BRITISH EMBASSY NOTIFIED
THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN WRITING THAT THEIR PROPOSED PORT
VISIT WOULD BE CANCELLED. THE MINISTRY SURMISED THAT THE
BRITISH EMBASSY WITHDREW THE PROPOSAL ON THE GROUND THAT
THERE WOULD BE NO SENSE IN MAKING PORT CALLS WHERE THE SHIP
WOULD NOT BE WELCOMED BY THE CITIZENS. UNQTE
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